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From: Rodriguez, Elias
Sent: Wed 3/25/2015 3:20:26 PM
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED: MEDIA INQUIRY: SIRENUSA ST JOHN INCIDENT

John, This is Perfect. Thanks for the quick turnaround!

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From: Gorman, John
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 11:18 AM
To: Rodriguez, Elias; Jimenez, Christopher; R2 RRC
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See attached photo of container and the directions issued by the manufacturer (Great Lakes Chemical) for the Meth-O-Gas Q fumigant that was used. The label clearly shows that it is a restricted use pesticide and can only be sold to or used by a Certified Applicator (see <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/restricted.htm>). Both the instructions and label warn of the dangers of the fumigant and state that it can only be used under the supervision of a regulatory agent (we're still waiting for the Pesticides Registration Division in HQ to define this). The instructions for use of the product require that the booklet and entire label must be read carefully prior to use and the product must only be used according to the label instructions.

The label and instructions describe the allowed uses of the product, none of which includes dwellings or residential structures.

It is allowed to be used indoors if you consider warehouses, ships, etc. to be indoors. Again, the allowed uses are specified in the attached document.

Information on the phase-out of methyl bromide under the CAA as an ozone depleting substance can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/> . Note that certain critical uses of methyl bromide are exempt under Section 604(d) of the Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and are still allowed (see <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/cueinfo.html>).

From: Rodriguez, Elias
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:06 AM
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Ok. Standing by.

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From: Jimenez, Christopher
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Elias, John I think it would be more appropriate for John or his staff to answer these questions.

John let me know if you need anything from my end to answer these questions.

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From: Rodriguez, Elias

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Good Morning RRC, Chris J. & John,

Reporters are asking that we provide the precise basis of these EPA statements:

1) methyl bromide, **prohibited for residential use** by EPA in 2005, although some exemptions for agricultural use are allowed until pre-existing supplies are exhausted.

2) Only certified applicators are allowed to use it in certain agricultural settings and is **not authorized for use in dwellings**

If these statements were made based on info. epa.gov or from the MB's *Directions for Use*, please highlight specifically where this is stated and I'll share the respective link and or passages.

Also, please clarify if it is not to be used indoors at all or not to be used in residential indoor areas?

We need this by noon today.

Thank you,

Elias Rodriguez, M.P.A.

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Public Information Officer for SIRENUSA Condos Methyl Bromide Response